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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

APPLICANT: Axel Hebecker et al. CONFIRMATION NO.: 5381  
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UPDATED VOLUME DATA SET"

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 6,144,759  
AL German OS 198 07 884

**EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE**

Reference AL and the German counterpart to Reference AA were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination of the counterpart German application.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

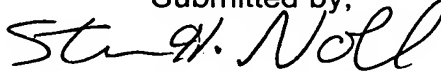
An English translation of Reference AL is not readily available to the Applicants, however, an English language abstract is attached thereto.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above-references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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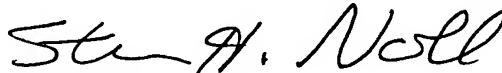
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